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Dear Alvin,

Just a few words, I cannot  
afford writing a long letter in  
English. I wish you are in good  
shape and always in your  
cheerful and belligerent mood -

As for Sumner B.D. Berli's explained  
to you the situation and I cannot add  
very much. I can only confirm my  
feelings that it is a very serious  
and important story. Let's hope it's  
some unexpected event -

I saw Hough in Paris some months ago,  
and (of course) he is very high about  
our future - Let's hope so -

I am in Rome, now, working with  
Lina Venturi and in a few days  
I'll go to Sicily, on location -

Ciao, dear friend, I wish you the  
best - Good work and serenity

Love to you and to your wife. To please